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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 03/13/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/06/04
BRO-FRY	157,083	154,615
LT HENS	1,381	1,325
HVY HENS	1,398	1,333

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	78	0	78
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	95	0	95
SAME WEEK YR AGO	221	0	221
TO-DATE/2004	1,994	29	2,023
TO-DATE/2003	3,154	46	3,200

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,207	1,250	2,457
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,234	1,252	2,486
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,686	1,255	2,941
TO-DATE/2004	13,387	11,510	24,897
TO-DATE/2003	18,223	12,334	30,557

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	153,459	1,129	1,250	2,379
AVG WT	5.41	3.22	7.80	5.63
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391
SAME WK YR AGO	151,538	1,465	1,255	2,720
AVG WT	4.94	3.22	7.89	5.52
TO-DATE/2004	1,379,453	11,393	11,481	22,874
TO-DATE/2003	1,350,673	15,069	12,288	27,357

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.3 million head or 0.9 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-2004

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	30,710	21,166	49,163
Avg Weight	3.61	4.78	6.31
% of total /1	30%	21%	49%
Last week	33,640	22,598	44,271
Avg Weight	3.57	4.82	6.29
% of total /1	33%	22%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,450	18,021	46,347
Avg Weight	3.63	4.46	6.22
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%
To date/2004	201,555	170,426	333,927
To date/2003	184,799	166,037	342,890

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,729	2,515	73	24	4,341
AVG WT	15.38	35.86	26.17	30.35	27.51
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
SAME WK YR AGO	1,858	2,732	79	5	4,674
AVG WT	15.87	36.33	27.23	32.46	28.03
TO-DATE/2004	15,197	21,991	353	81	37,622
TO-DATE/2003	15,453	23,525	574	121	39,673

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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